

REMARKS

Claim 1 is pending. This response is intended to Supplement Applicant's August 25, 2004, Amendment After Final Rejection and to place the application in better condition for appeal.

Claim 1 has been amended to read the same as prior to Applicant's August 25, 2004, Amendment After Final Rejection. Thus, no new matter is added and no new issues are raised since the identical claim has already been considered. As the claim reads without the above amendment, no wrong structure is defined by the claim. However, the air chamber recited in the claim is the chamber 8 in the illustrated embodiment and hence the current wording "outer liner" is changed back to recite --inner liner--. Thus, the terms have been amended to more properly recite the structure.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chimizard (U.S. Patent No. 4,286,643) in view of Beers (JP 7-266454) and optionally in view of either one of Chien (U.S. Patent No. 3,563,294) or Reinowski (U.S. Patent No. 3,042,098). This rejection is again traversed.

The tire according to claim 1 has a sealant chamber defined between an outer liner and an inner liner, wherein **the outer liner is fastened to an inner surface of a tread of a tire body**, and the inner liner is formed of a material having a 300% modulus of 60 kgf/cm² or less. Applicant takes this opportunity to clarify that claim 1 requires only that the inner liner be formed of a material of a 300% modulus of 60 kgf/cm² or less and the other portions of the tire, i.e., the tire body and outer liner can be formed of materials other than the material of a 300% modulus of 60kgf/cm² or less.

For at least the above reasons in conjunction with the reasons provided in Applicant's August 25, 2004, Amendment, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

In the event that the filing of this paper is not deemed timely, Applicant petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any petition fee for the extension of time and any other fees that may be required in relation to this paper can be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 107348-00179.

Respectfully submitted,

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